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For Immediate Release Unified Development Ordinance **Background:** Since January 2010 Moore County has been undertaking a project to combine and streamline the existing county development ordinances into one cohesive document that will improve the usability of the ordinances making it customer friendly and easier to understand. This new document is called a Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

Process:

The first step in this endeavor is to merely rearrange the existing language into a format that is easily understandable and that eliminates overlapping and conflicting language within the existing ordinance. This step will involve some language changes however it will not result in new ordinance standards or regulations for development. It will only update existing language to streamline and clarify the current ordinance and eliminate glaring errors, omissions, and holes in the language.

Beginning in March, 2011 the Moore County Planning Board has been publicly reviewing the draft UDO and actively seeking public input and involvement in the review process.

Change in Project Scope:

At the April 7, 2011 Moore County Planning Board meeting by consensus, the Moore County Planning Board requested that County Planning staff alter the review schedule of the project in order to incorporate those identified ordinance changes that may result in changes to the existing regulations governing zoning and land use in unincorporated Moore County and to simplify the UDO review process as a whole.

The “changes” are those that reflect the direction of the Board of Commissioners and those concepts and changes proposed by the Planning Board and identified by staff as necessary to ensure that the Moore County UDO is:

1. User Friendly,
2. Business Friendly,
3. Concise,
4. and that it Reduces Regulations

The result of this new direction is that Planning staff is going back to the drawing board and overhauling the review schedule for the UDO and will be bringing back a new review schedule

and revised scope of work at the August 4, 2011 Planning Board meeting.

Moving

Forward:

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ween now and August 4, 2011 please continue to send your ideas, suggestions, comments and recommendations to the Moore County Planning and Community Development office or by calling (910) 947-5010. Planners Tim Garner and Robert Farrell are actively seeking any and all input from Moore County citizens and stakeholders in order to ensure that the UDO reflects the will of Moore County's citizens.

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